Return of sugar mills taken over by Government

*180. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had any discussions with the Centrally managed sugar mill owners to return the management of the sugar mills taken over by Government during the off-season in 1985;

(b) whether the deliberations between the mill owners and the Central Government reached any agreement;

(c) if so, what is the final outcome of each case; and

(d) by whom the sugar mills are to be managed during the cane crushing season in 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Discussions with the owners'/principal executives of the mills/State Government representatives were held in January, 1985 and again in May, 1985 to explore the possibility of returning their mills to them.

(b) and (c) The rapesentations made by the owners/State Government representatives are under the consideration of the government.

(d) It will depend on the outcome of the consideration referred to above.

Retirement of workers in jute industry in West Bengal

†1047. SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of permanent workers who retired in the jute industry in West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of workers who received gratuity as per the Payment of Gratuity Act; and

(c) what is the number of such workers who received provident fund amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Inter-State Bus Terminal for New Delhi

†1048. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration for opening an Inter-State Bus Terminal for New Delhi areas in view of the difficulty faced by New Delhi residents going all the way to ISBT for travelling to West U.P. districts and other places; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) and (b) Delhi Development Authority published on 6th April, 1985 modifications to the Master Plan of Delhi with the perspective of the year 2001 inviting objections/suggestions from the pubilc. The proposal makes provision for land for five additional Inter State Bus Terminals including one at Dhaula Kuan in New Delhi.

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†Previously Unstarred Question No. 109, transferred from 23rd July, 1985.

†Previously Unstarred Question No. 166, transferred from 24th July, 1985.

Further action in this regard will arised only after the modification proposals are processed and approved under the provisions of DDA Act, 1957 and scheme for construction of additional I.S.B.T. is accepted from implementation.

Use of Substandard Material by D.D.A.

1049. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from the Residents Welfare Association about the use of sub-standard material by D.D.A. in the construction of L.I.G. flats in Vikaspuri;

(b) whether these flats are in danger of collapse due to seapage in walls;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into these allegations; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir; some complaints were received.

(b) There is no such danger.

(c) and (d) Recently Supreme Court of India has appointed Chief Engineer (Quality Control) of DDA as Commissioner to carry out survey of buildings of KG-II flats in Vikaspuri and to inspect the flats particularly in regard to material used in the construction of flats.

Conference of State Information Ministers on Communal Write-ups in Newspapers

1050. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that at the recent Conference of the State Information Ministers he is reported to have stated that various States should help in bringing to the notice of the D.A.V.P. cases of comunal write-ups in the newspapers with a view to examine the desirability of giving advertisements to such newspapers; and

(b) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration that the State Government's and the Regional and Branch Offices of the PIB report such cases direct to the Press Council of India for such examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The 18th Conference of Information Ministers recommended, among other things that "The State Governments may set-up a machinery for the analysis of the press reports. In case any particular newspaper or newscolumnist show persistently bias or indulges in objectionable writing, the same should be brought to the notice of the press bodies and the newspaper editors/proprietors etc. concerned" and that "appropriate monitoring system should be evolved by the State Governments so that cases of objectionable writings are detected well in time and appropriate action could be taken." There is no plan for the Press Information Bureau to report directly such cases to the Press Council of India. This Ministry is not aware whether the State Governments propose to do so. In any event, the Press Council has